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DECLINE IN ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether electricity production fell from 10% in April-August, 1999 to 0.6% in the same period in 2000;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the rate of industrial production came down to 4.8% from 7.3% between April-August, 1999 and April-August, 2000 due to fall in electricity production; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The growth of electricity production (generation) during the period April-August, 1999 and April-August 2000 was 5.8% and 3.6%, respectively.

(c) & (d): As per quick estimates from CSO, the industrial productiongrowth during the period April-August 1999 and during April-August 2000 was 6.2% and 5.3% respectively. The electricity generation alone does not influence the rate of industrial production. There are many other factors influencing the rate of industrial production like liberalized imports, economic status of the masses, quality competition of the product, agriculture produce, labour problems, transportation cost, availability of raw inputs and demand and supply conditions within the country and outside the world. In order to improve power availability the following measure are being taken:-

(i) Expeditious implementation of capacity addition programme.

(ii) Promotion of measure for demand side management.

(iii) Renovation and Modernisation (R&M) of existing old generating units.

(iv) Disbursement of loans by Power Finance Corporation for improvingoperation and maintenance of thermal power stations under accelerated generation programme.

(v) Promotion of inter-state and inter-regional power transfers.

(vi) Coordinated operation of Hydro, thermal, nuclear and gas turbine power stations in the regional power system.

(vii) Augmentation of transmission, transformation capacity in the power system and installation of shunt capacitors to improve the voltage.

(viii) Reduction of transmission and distribution losses.